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Inspection Report

On 1-30-18, City of Eureka Source Control conducted a joint inspection of Pacific Choice Seafood Company with EPA contractors as part of a Pretreatment Program Compliance Audit. The EPA contractors were Danny O'Connell, Senior Compliance Specialist for PG Environmental, and Stephen Clark, Environmental Scientist for PG Environmental. We met with General Manager John King and another staff member named Michael, who was familiar with the DAF wastewater pretreatment system. We inspected the DAF system which was not in service at the time since shrimp processing operations are not conducted this time of year. Follow-up inspections at the site were conducted 2-6-18 and 2-16-18 to confirm the repairs to the leaky pipes had been performed. The following findings and corrective actions are detailed as a result of these inspections.

Inspection Findings:

- A corrugated hose was observed protruding through the wall adjacent to the door to the DAF room in a manner that would flow contents directly to the outside drain. The hose was disconnected from the system at time of inspection.
- A pipe in the same area was observed to have a knife gate which, if opened, could discharge untreated shrimp process water directly to the outside drain.
- Process water was observed flowing directly into Humboldt Bay from multiple deteriorated or open pipes located on the underside of the wharf. A follow-up conducted 2-6-18 determined that all but one of the leaks had been sealed or repaired.
- During the follow-up inspections it was observed that the sampling manhole listed as Outfall 001 in Permit #37 was blocked and unavailable for City of Eureka sampling. Part 1 Section P states "*The sampling manhole must be kept clear and available for inspections and/or sampling at all times.*" Mr. King was informed of this requirement during a phone conversation on 2-6-18.

Corrective Actions:

- The corrugated hose shall be removed by April 1, 2018.
- The knife gate shall be removed and pipe capped by April 1, 2018 or prior to the commencement of shrimp processing operations, whichever comes first.

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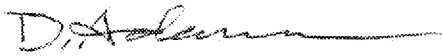
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- Pacific Choice shall contact Source Control and provide details on the outcome of the assessment and possible future replacement of the remaining piping system located underneath the wharf as well as confirm that the final observed leak had been appropriately repaired.
- The obstructions to Outfall 001 shall be removed and sampling manhole made clear and available for inspection and/or sampling within 7 days of the receipt of this report. The sampling manhole shall remain clear and accessible for City of Eureka staff at **all** times in the future. Future obstruction of access shall necessitate administrative enforcement remedies.

Your cooperation in resolving these matters is greatly appreciated. Please contact Source Control with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

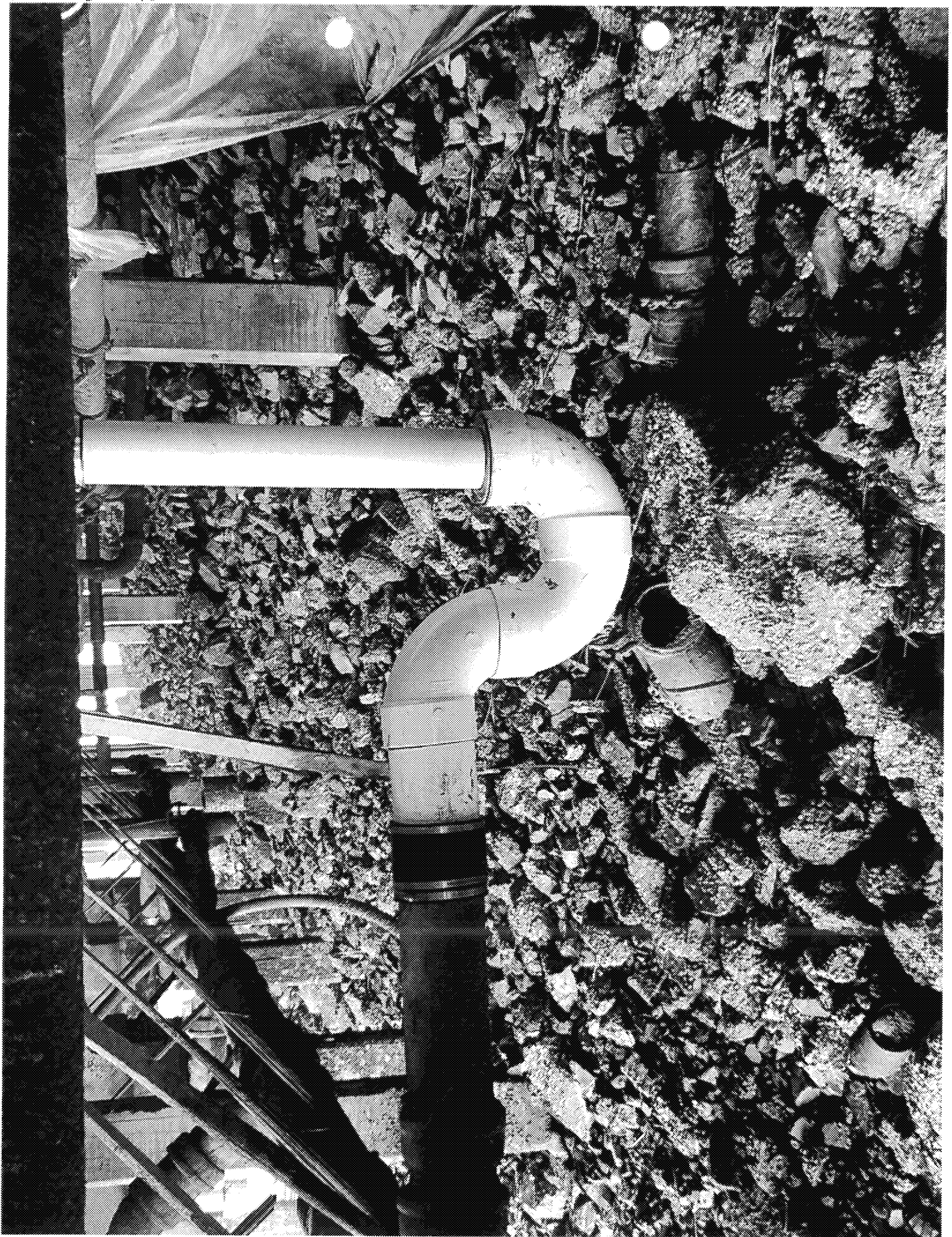


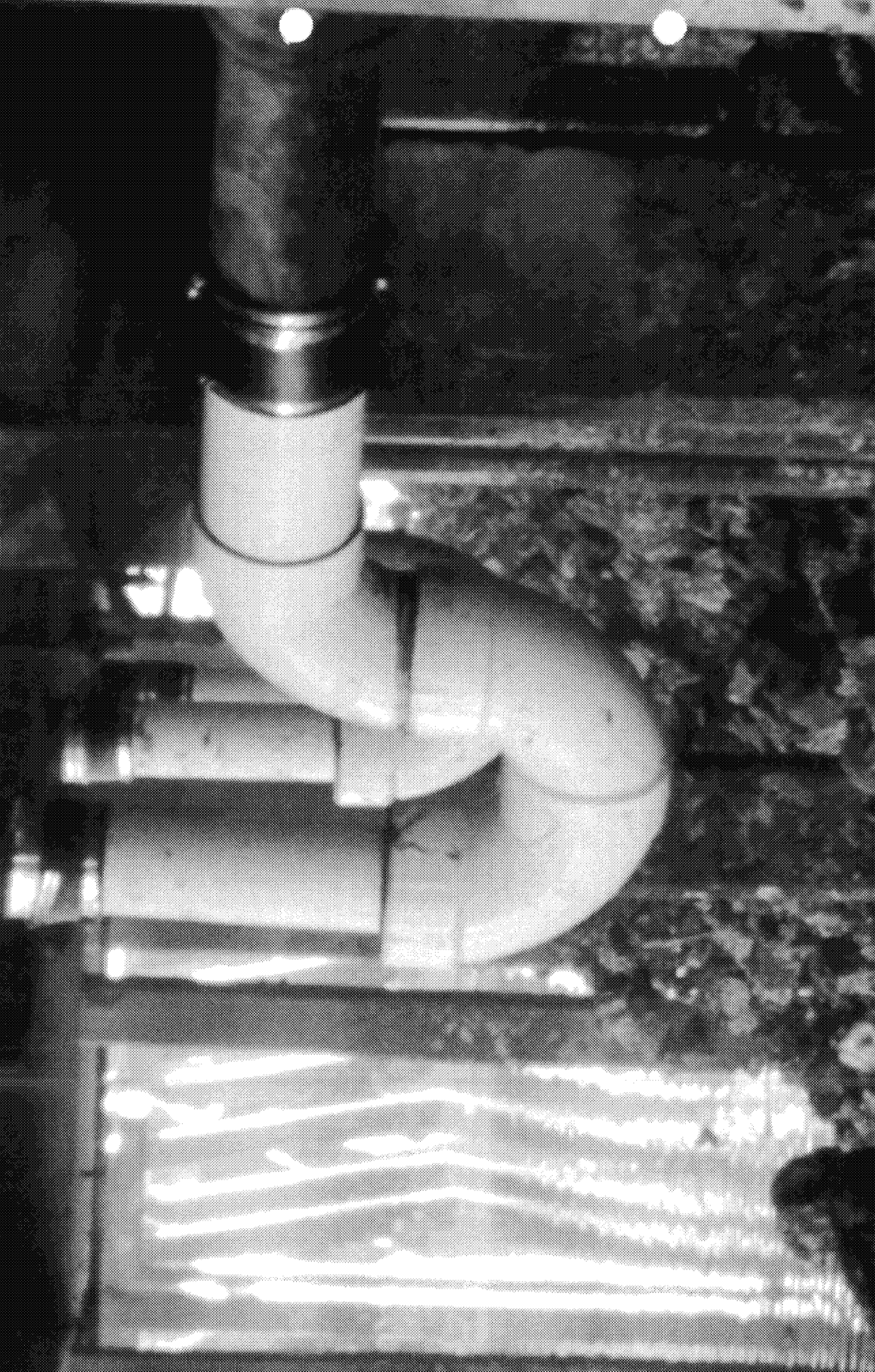
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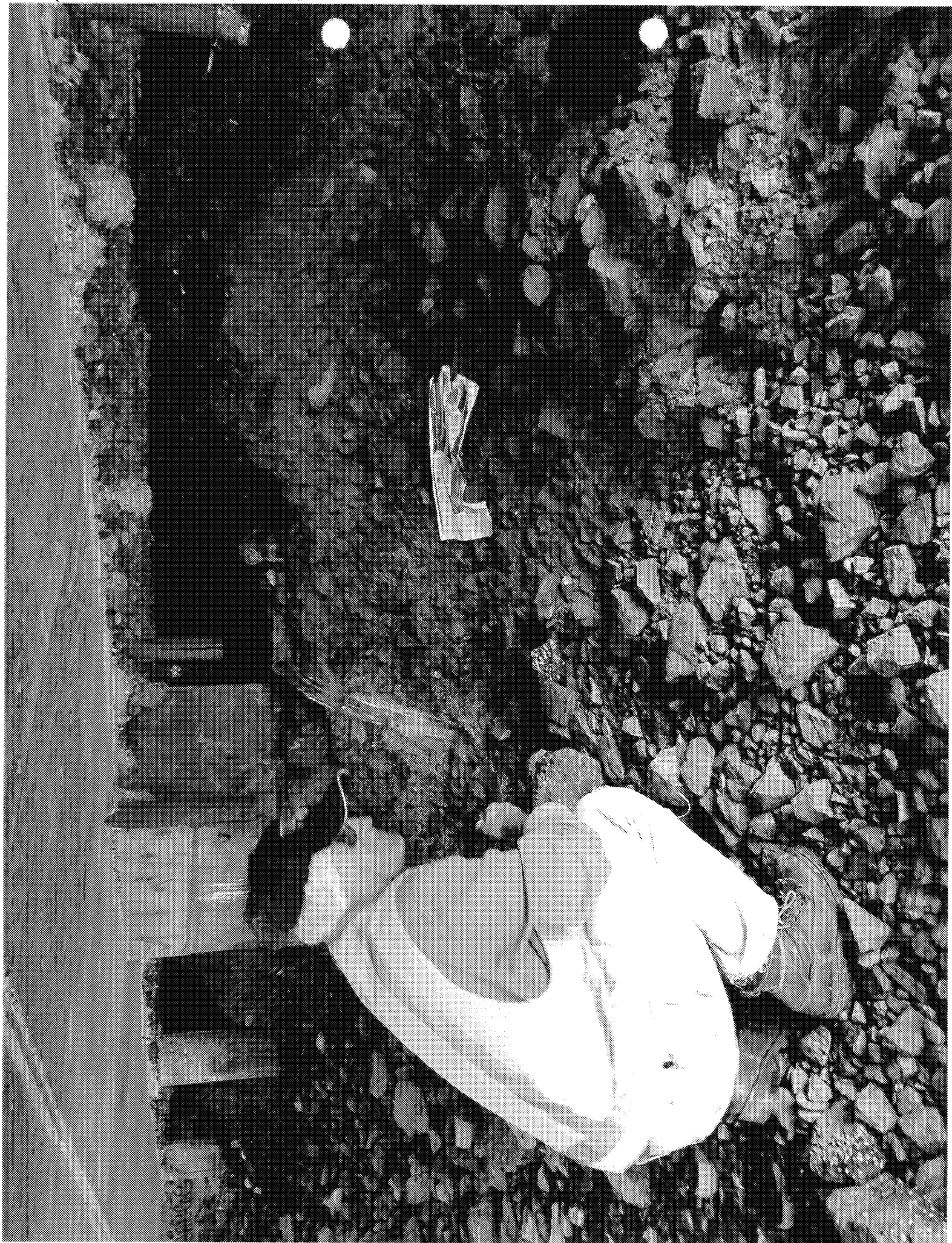


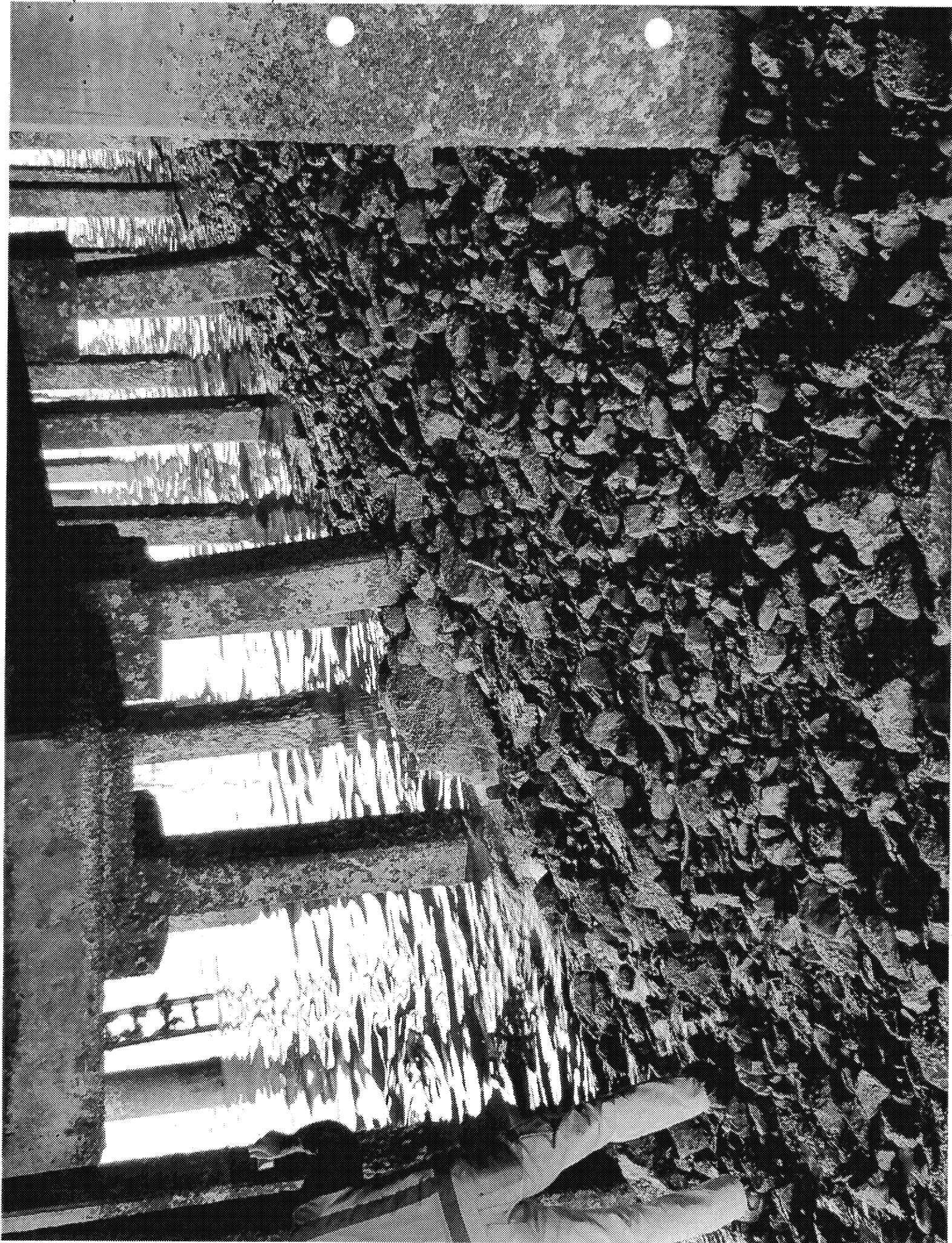
















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PCA INSPECTION PACIFIC CHOICE SEAFOODS 1-30-18

At about 3:15pm on January 30, 2018 City of Eureka Source Control conducted a joint inspection of Pacific Choice Seafoods with EPA Contractors as part of the Pretreatment Compliance Audit. The EPA Contractors were Danny O'Connell, Senior Compliance Specialist for PG Environmental, and Stephen Clark, Environmental Scientist for PG Environmental. We met with John King, General Manager, and Michael, another employee who was familiar with the DAFT pretreatment system. We inspected the DAFT system and associated equipment. This system was not in service at the time since it is only used during shrimp processing operations which normally run from about April to August each year. A disconnected pipe was observed protruding through the wall adjacent to the door in the room as well as a knife gate that could easily be opened that would send process water to the ground outside near the storm drain. Danny O'Connell told Mr. King that the former would need to be removed and the latter disconnected and capped. A follow-up notice will be sent to Pacific Choice regarding these matters. While following the flow of process water we ended up under the wharf on the bay side of the facility. Water was observed flowing from multiple deteriorated pipes and discharging to the bay. Mr. O'Connell directed John King to document the time and reach out ASAP for repairs to cease the leaks as soon as possible. He reported the leaks to Cathy Goodwin, the City's contact with the Regional State Water Resources Control Board.

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